GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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CARGO TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the cargo traffic handled by each port during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any steps has been taken to construct additional berths/ terminal in any port in tenth plan period;

(c) if so, the present situation in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase efficiency of major ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) : The port-wise cargo traffic handled during the last three years, year-wise, is given below.

(In Million Tonnes)

Name of the Port	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 (Provisional)
Kolkata	30.40	35.80	41.05
Paradip	21.13	23.90	25.31
Visakhapatnam	44.34	46.01	47.74
Ennore	3.40	8.49	9.28
Chennai	36.12	33.69	36.71
Tuticorin	13.02	13.29	13.68
Cochin	12.06	13.00	13.57
New Mangalore	17.50	21.43	26.67
Mormugao	22.93	23.65	27.87
Jawaharlal Nehru	22.52	26.84	31.18
Mumbai	26.43	26.80	29.96
Kandla	37.73	40.63	41.52
Total:	287.58	313.53	344.54

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Additional capacity of 20.65 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) has been created in Major Ports through completion of 10 additional berths/terminals so far during the 10th Plan period. As part of ongoing process for creation of additional capacities in the 10th Plan, 7 berths/terminals with an aggregated capacity of 18.30 MTPA are under construction.

(d): Improvement in efficiency in Major Ports is an ongoing process. To increase efficiency of major ports, the following major steps have been taken from time to time in relation to major ports :-

(i) Construction and equipping of new berths/terminals;
(ii) Replacement of existing equipment with the state-of-art equipment on existing berths;
(iii) Labour training and improvement in management practices for achieving higher efficiency output;
(iv) Private sector involvement in the development and operation of port facilities to bring out additional investment and modern techniques for greater efficiency;

(v) Computerisation of port working and partial induction of Electronic Data Interchange; and
(vi) Setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System.